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<b>PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)</b>		<b>Docket Number (Optional)</b>  <b>SwRI-2749A</b>
First Named Inventor: <b>FURMAN, et al.</b> Application Number: <b>09/726,769</b> Filed: <b>11/29/2000</b>		Art Unit: <b>1773</b> Examiner: <b>Hoa T. Le</b>
<b>Title: Methods of Functionalizing and Functionalized Metal Oxide Particles and Mechanically Strong and Transparent or Translucent Composites Made Using Zirconium Oxide Nanoparticles</b>		
Attention: Office of Petitions Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		
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- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/83).

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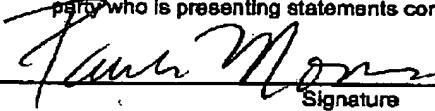
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In re Application of:  
Furman et al.

Serial No.: 09/726,769

Filed: November 29, 2000

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Group Art Unit: 1773

Examiner: Hoa T. Lee

Atty. Docket: SwRI-2749A

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**SHOWING OF CAUSE OF UNAVOIDABLE DELAY**  
**ACCOMPANYING PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT**  
**ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

During March of 2003, the firm<sup>1</sup> moved. On March 27, 2003, a "Request for Customer Number Data Change" was filed with the United States Patent Office to change the firm's address for all applications under Applicant's customer number. A copy of the Notice of Customer Number Record Change dated March 28, 2003 is attached.

During the fall of 2004, the undersigned noted in PAIR that an office action had issued in the referenced case, but that the office action had not been received by the undersigned. I had observed some delay between issuance of an office action and actual mailing, so I allowed some time to pass before further inquiry. After several months, I left a message with the examiner inquiring of the whereabouts of the missing office action. I heard nothing. Before the six month deadline elapsed--I called and left another message with the person to whom I was directed as responsible for mailing out office actions for Group 1700.

On January 26, 2005, I received a telephone call from Angela Jones of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. During that telephone call, I learned that the non-final office action had been mailed to the firm's previous address, and that the office action had been returned to the Patent Office. Apparently, the case was never connected with the firm's customer number and the change of address was never recorded in this case.

<sup>1</sup> Paula D. Morris & Associates, P.C., currently d/b/a The Morris Law Firm, P.C.

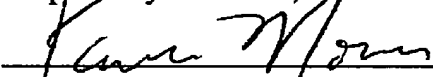
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Applicant agreed to file a change of correspondence address form, and Ms. Jones indicated that the office action would be forwarded to the new address. Applicant received the Non-Final Office Action on February 16, 2005, which was after the six month deadline for filing a response to non-final action.

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition, was unavoidable.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments related to this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0997 (SWRI-2749A), maintained by Paula D. Morris & Associates, P.C. d/b/a The Morris Law Firm, P.C..

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